Ranger Programs



Badlands National Park is in the Mountain Time Zone. Programs are presented at several locations throughout the park. These locations are identified in the park newspaper and park brochure. You can also find them by watching for white signs announcing programs along the Loop Road.



These programs run from Friday, June 1 through Saturday, August 18, 2007

Geology Walk 8:30 a.m. Daily

Explore the geologic story of the White River Badlands on this 45 minute walk. Meet at the Ben Reifel Visitor Center. Wear a hat and closed-toe shoes. Terrain is varied.

Prairie Walk 5:30 p.m. Daily

Join a park ranger for this easy, 1/2 mile walk into the prairie. Meet at the Ben Reifel Visitor Center for an exploration of prairie life and landscape. Wear closed-toe shoes and bring a hat and water.

Fossil Talk 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. Explore what fossils can tell us about the story of ancient life in the Badlands and why they should be protected at this 15 - 20 minute talk. Presented at the Fossil Exhibit Trail, 5 miles northwest of the park headquarters/visitor center on the Badlands Loop Road.

Evening Program 9:00 p.m. Daily (Starting August 1st, the evening program will be given at 8:30 p.m.)

Join a park ranger for a 40 minute presentation at the Cedar Pass Campground Amphitheater. A weekly listing of program topics is available at the Ben Reifel Visitor Center and bulletin boards throughout the park. Program will start when the sky is dark!

Junior Ranger Program 10:30 a.m. Daily

Calling all visitors between 7 and 12 years of age! Meet at the Ben Reifel Visitor Center for a 45 minute adventure into an aspect of the Badlands. Wear closed-toe shoes and a hat. It may be a walk, a game, or another activity. Attendees will be awarded a Junior Ranger badge. Parents are also welcome!